

520 Brush Street (House)
Allentown
Lehigh County
Pennsylvania

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY HABS No. PA-5439

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Location: 520 Brush Street, Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania

Present Occupant and Use: Vacant

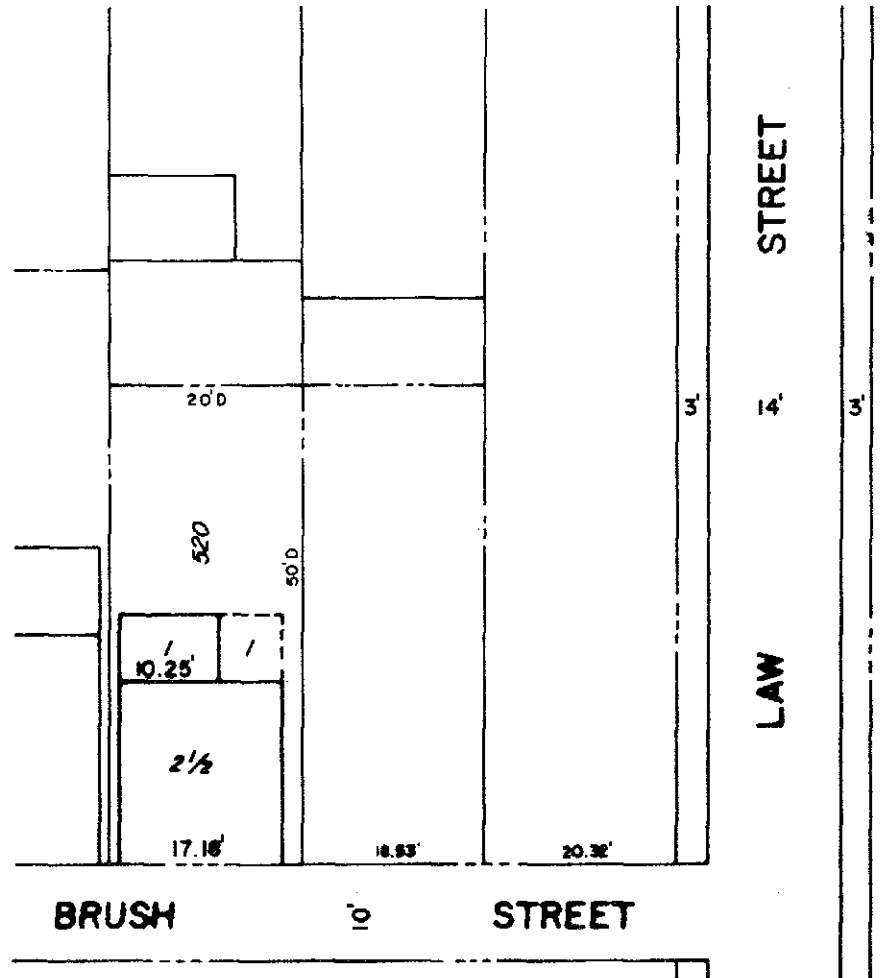
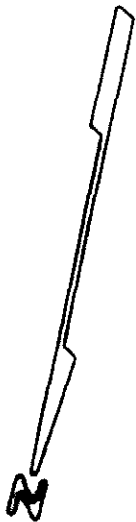
Significance: This structure was built to accommodate people of very modest means. It may have been moved from another lot or from the Gordon Street frontage.

Description: The structure is two story, two bay, wood-frame row house with a low pitched gable roof. Only the form of the original structure remains. The roof is covered with corrugated sheet metal and there is a beaded barge board on the west elevation. The original clapboard is now covered with insulbrick. The two bay wide structure appears to have maintained its original window openings on front and back; however, only one, one-over-one-light sash remains in place. All of the other window sash and doors were removed by the previous owner.

Condition: Deteriorated. The only original pieces of exposed exterior trim appear to be the casings around the windows in the front and back of the house. The maintenance has been delayed, and as a result, the insulbrick has disintegrated and some interior framing and sill plates are in an advanced stage of deterioration.

History: This house appears to date circa 1860-70 and is likely to have been used solely as a residence.

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SCALE: 1" = 20'

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